

## State Representative LORENCE WENKE R-63rd Representative District



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Committees: Labor (Minority Vice Chair); Retiree Health Care Reforms (Minority Vice Chair); Ethics

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**Biography:** Republican, of Kalamazoo County; born October 9, 1945; graduate, Kalamazoo Christian

High School; graduate, bachelor's degree in business, Western Michigan University; wife, Nancy; children, Lisa Ambrosio and Reverend Jeff Wenke; owner, Wenke Greenhouses in Kalamazoo and SunBelt Greenhouses in Douglas, GA, which together are among the nation's top 20 producers of bedding plants; served as a Kalamazoo County commissioner for eight years and was elected chairman for three years; served on the board of Kalamazoo Valley Plant Growers Cooperative for 14 years, two years as president; partner, Michigan Grower Products, a soil mixing business in Galesburg,

Michigan; elected to the House of Representatives, 2002, 2004, 2006.

